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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EEC, ETRD  
SUBJECT: EC ANTI-TRUST PROCEDURES AGAINST PAPER PRODUCERS

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT EC COMMISSION IS PURSUING ANTI-TRUST INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS AGAINST ABOUT 24 US, CANADIAN, AND SCANDANAVIAN PULP AND PAPER FIRMS FOR ALLEGED PRICE-FIXING OF PULP ON THE EC MARKET.

2. ACCORDING TO COMMISSION ANTI-TRUST OFFICIALS, THIS CASE HAS BEEN UNDER SCRUTINY FOR ALMOST ONE YEAR AND HAS FOCUSED ON THE OBSERVED IDENTICAL PRICING BY MAJOR PULP SUPPIERS DURING 1974-75, ND ESPECIALLY THEIR PARALLEL PRICE REDUCTIONS DURING THE DEMAND DECLINE OF 1975. THIS PHENOMENON WAS CLEARLY DETECTABLE, COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY, BECAUSE OF THE PRACTICE,  
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BY US AND NON-US FIRMS ALIKE, OF QUOTING SELL OFFERS IN US DOLLARS - A PRACTICE WHICH, IN ITSELF, HAS RAISED SUSPICIONS.

3. OFFICIALS SAY THAT SEVERAL CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH INDUSTRY. IN MOST CASES DG IV IS LOOKING FOR BASIC INFORMATION BUT FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN

OPENED AGAINST SOME PRODUCERS.

4. BOTH COMMISSION AND US INDUSTRY OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD  
US THERE IS NO LINK (OTHER THAN ECONOMIC) BETWEEN THESE  
ANTI-TRUST INVESTIGATIONS AND THE CURRENT ANTI-DUMPING  
CASES PRESENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY OTHER SERVICES OF  
THE COMMISSION. HINTON

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